**How to become a better reader; that is the question?**

In order to understand what we read, developing self-questioning is very important. Self questioning as you read helps to clarify the intent of the author and focus attention on ideas.

**Types of Questions…**

**“THIN” Questions**

Questions which clarify ideas, develop vocabulary, and access specific information necessary for understanding.

**Examples of “THIN”**

I wonder what…

I wonder how…

I wonder who…

I wonder when…

I wonder where…

These questions are important to establish understanding.

Class Examples of “thin” questions about American Government

1. I wonder what a bicameral legislature is?

2.

3.

**“THICK” Questions**

Questions that address large concepts: They require further discussion and guide deeper thinking and additional exploration.

**Examples of “THICK”**

I wonder why…

I wonder what’s most important…

I wonder whether I agree or disagree…

I wonder what would happen if…

These questions often have multiple possible answers and that the reader beyond the text.

Class Examples of “THICK” questions about American Government

1. I wonder if I agree or disagree that governments should have bicameral legislatures

2.

3.